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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
27th July 2017

SUBJECT	**HMIC Areas for Improvement**
REPORT BY	**DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To update the Audit Committee on the current status of Areas for Improvement (AFIs) and recommendations identified by HMIC during the period 2014 to 2016	
RECOMMENDATION	**That the committee note the report.**

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A report and tracker document previously submitted to the Police and Crime Strategic Board in June 2017 is attached to the report, describing the status of progress against AFIs and recommendations reported by HMIC from 2014 to 2016.

As previously reported, the report includes progress against specific thematic reports, as well as the Force's annual PEEL Inspection.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no specific financial considerations arising from this report.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The provision of internal audit services is one of the means by which the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable discharge their responsibilities to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force under section 1 (6)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, and the Chief Finance Officer and Force Chief Finance Officer meet their responsibilities under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 73 of the Local Government Act 1985 and section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 for ensuring the proper administration of the Commissioner and Chief Constable's financial affairs.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no specific personnel, equal opportunities or diversity issues arising from this report or any that relate to Children and Young People.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The tracker document is continuously updated as progress is made against individual recommendations and areas for improvement. A report of progress and the current status of all active recommendations in force is made on a quarterly basis to the Audit Committee.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Progress against HMIC recommendations is currently recorded as risk on the Force Risk Register. The process described in the attached report forms the actions required to reduce that risk to an acceptable level.

Additional controls are put in place by the reporting structures for progress against individual HMIC reports, such as the Strategic Management Board.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this report along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. The documents are marked as ‘not protectively marked’ under the Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS).